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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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04/02/2011: Slavo, SP2JMB and Bogdan, SP2FUD will be active as 3B8/SP2JMB and 3B8/SP2FUD from Mauritius Island (IOTA AF-049, WLOTA 0595) between 4th and 24th of February, 2011. Expect them to be QRV on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, including an entry in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (12-13th February). QSL via home calls. [425 DX News]

04/02/2011: Akira, JA1NLX, will be active as A35AY from the Fafa Island resort, Tongatapu group, Kingdom of Tonga (IOTA OC-049, WW Loc. AG28KV) from 4-9 February 2011. QRV on 80-10m, using mainly CW with some RTTY with FT857, microHAM CWKeyer, 5m long Buddistick with a lots of radials for 80 - 10m or Random wire on fishing pole with ATU. Frequencies - 3505/7015/10115/14035/18075/21035/24895/28035 QSX up 1-3KHz for CW and 10140/14085/18110/21085/24920/28085 QSX up 1-5KHz for RTTY. QSL via JA1NLX by the bureau, LoTW, or direct with SASE ($2.00 or 1 IRC). OnLine log be available after the vacation. Logs will also be uploaded to LoTW. Website: www.ne.jp/asahi/ja1nlx/ham/A35_2011.html [NG3K]

04/02/2011: Jon, LA8HGA (JW8HGA) and Andreas, LA8AJA (JW8AJA) will be active from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen, Isfjord [Ice Fjord], Spitsbergen Island (IOTA EU-026, WLOTA 0125) on 4-8th of February 2011. They plan to be QRV as conditions and time permit on 160-10 metres mainly CW, with some RTTY and SSB. Logsearch and QSLling instructions at: la8aja.com/expeditions/jw2011/ [425 DX News]

04/02/2011: Operators Rene DL2JRM, Klaus DK1AX, Ulli DD2ML, Sid DM2AYO, Rolf DL7VEE, Jurgen DF1AL and Hartmut DM5TI plan to be QRV 4-17 February 2011 as S9DX from Ilh?u das Rolas (IOTA AF-023, WLOTA 1622, WW Loc. JI39GX), located in the Cau? District of S?o Tom? Province. They will have two similar stations (K3, 650w) operating 24/7 on all bands/modes 1.8 through 28 MHz (50 MHz). Focus will be on the low bands, on RTTY, SSB and CW. QSL is via DL1RTL, direct only. Further information is expected soon. Website: s9dx.hkmann.de/ [NG3K via DM5TI]

05/02/2011: Laci, HA0NAR, will once again be heading to western Africa in early 2011, and plans to be there throughout February. He plans to visit and activate Senegal (6W) and Guinea-Bissau (J5) between 5-26th February. Specific dates were not mentioned, but the callsigns are as follows: Senegal (6W) - callsign 6W/HA0NAR; Guinea-Bissau (J5) - callsign J5NAR. Laci is also planning to activate the following IOTA groups: Senegal South Group (AF-078) and Guinea-Bissau Coastal Region Group (AF-093). Activity will be focused on the lower bands (160/80/40/30m), especially 160 metres from Guinea-Bissau. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

05/02/2011: Andrew, G7COD, will be operational from Embudu Island (IOTA AS-013) on the South Male Atoll (WLOTA 4031), Maldives, using the call 8Q7AK from the 5th February to approximately 18th February 2011. Using SSB and CW on the 80 to 10 metre bands including WARC frequencies. This one is a holiday trip, so he will be operational every day from approximately 07:30

to 08:30, 09:00 to 10:30, 13:00 to 1500 and 17:30 to 18:00 UTC. Spot frequencies to be used are: SSB - 3.793, 7.063, 14.190, 18.133, 21.253 and 24.953 MHz +/- 10KHz to allow for QRM; CW - 3.503, 7.003, 10.103, 14.003, 18.073, 21.003 and 24.893 MHz +/- to allow for QRM. He also hopes to have limited operation on the 160m band but this is not confirmed. All QSL's should be sent via the bureau or direct to G7COD. Please note: 8Q7AK is approved for DXCC credits. For comprehensive details of QSL information etc, please check 8Q7AK on QRZ.com and website: 8q7ak.freewebspace.com/ [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

05/02/2011: Laurent, F8FSC/p, will be active on the 5th of February 2011 from the Mill Pont (DMF 39-033), located in the commune of Vincelles (CP 39190), canton [county] of Beaufort (DDCF 39-03), Department Jura/39 and Province Franche-Comte (DPF 10). Look for activity mainly on 80-10 metres, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [F8FSC]

05/02/2011: Members of the Radio Club Dominicano will be active from Saona Island (IOTA NA-122, WLOTA 2304, WW Loc. FK58OE) on 5-6th of February 2011 as HI2RCD. Suggested frequencies: 3785, 7155, 21285, 18135 and 14205 kHz. QSL via the bureau. [dx-world.net]

05/02/2011: Marcos EA1PP, Oscar EB1HF and Pablo EC1DPM will be active holiday style from Bonaire, PJ4 (IOTA SA-006, WLOTA 1279) on 5-10th February and from Curacao, PJ2 (IOTA SA-099, WLOTA 0942) on 11-16th February 2011. They will operate SSB and RTTY, including activity during the CQ WPX RTTY Contest from PJ2. QSL via their home calls.[425 DX News]

05/02/2011: A team from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club, Frankfurt, will be active as V55DLH from Omaruru, Namibia (WW Loc. JG78XO), between the 5th and 12th of February 2011. The group includes Georg DD8ZX, Bernd DF1FF, J?rgen DH0RAK, J?rgen DH6ICE, Frank DJ3FK, Rudi DK7PE and Bernhard DK7TF. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metres, using CW, SSB and Digital modes. Further information and QSL route can be found on their website at: www.larc.ws/ [dx-world.net]

06/02/2011: Claudio, HB9OAU, will be active as HI7/HB9OAU from the Dominican Republic (IOTA NA-096, WLOTA 2974) on 6-18th of February 2011. His main QTH will be Bayahibe, with possible one day operations as HI2/HB9OAU from either Saona Island (IOTA NA-122, WLOTA 2304) and/or Catalina Island (IOTA NA-122, WLOTA 4024). He will operate holiday style on 10, 15, 17, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

06/02/2011: Kai, DL2BP and Swen, DJ2ST will be active from Contadora Island (IOTA NA-072), Panama, on 6-17th of February 2011 as HP1/DL2BP and HP1/DJ2ST. They will be active on 80-10m. QSL for both via DL2BP. [dx-world.net]

07/02/2011: Drew, N2RFA, will once again be active as C6ABB from Cable Beach, New Providence Island [Nassau], Bahamas (IOTA NA-001, WLOTA 1115) on 7-17th February 2011. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17 metres. He plans to operate on some of the Digital modes (PSK31, RTTY and possibly SSTV). QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [ODPX Bulletin]

07/02/2011: Bill, N7OU and Bob, W7YAQ will be teaming up for another DXpedition to the Pacific, this time to Tarawa Atoll [Gilbert Islands], Kiribati, (T30, IOTA OC-017). They will be operational 8-22nd February 2011, 160-10m, mostly CW with some RTTY and SSB, and using 100w and verticals. They will be a MS entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February). Callsigns TBA. QSL via home calls. [NG3K]

09/02/2011: Roy, KE4TG, will be active from the island of Grenada (IOTA NA-024, WLOTA 0718) as J38RF between 9th February and 10th March 2011. His primary interest is the Digital modes using a K-3 with a G5RV and phased vertical antennas. Please note that he will try to be active on 60 meters on channel 5. QSL via home call. [ODPX Bulletin]

09/02/2011: Look for Bob, 5B4AGN, to be active from the Himawari Hotel, Saipan Island (IOTA OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), as KH0/G3ZEM on 9-16th February 2011. QRV on all HF bands, CW only. QSL via M0URX. [ODPX Bulletin]

09/02/2011: Torsten, DG7RO, plans to be active holiday-style from Placencia, Belize, between 9th of February and 1st of March 2011 as V31TF. QRV on 160-10 metres, operating mainly on RTTY and SSB, possibly CW also, with a FT-857 (100W), dipole and longwire antennas. He will also participate in the WPX RTTY Contest, ARRL DX Contest and CQWW 160-Meter Contest, as possibly V31GW. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

10/02/2011: Nobu JR3STX and Take JS6RRR will operate from the island of Guam (IOTA OC-026, USi GU003S, WLOTA 0064, WFF KFF-110) as W3STX/KH2 and KH2/JS6RRR between 2200z on the 10th of February and 0300z on the 15th of February 2011. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6m, using SSB, CW, FM, RTTY and PSK31. QSL W3STX/KH2 via JR3STX and KH2/JS6RRR via JS6RRR by the bureau or direct (SASE). [dx-world.net]

10/02/2011: Mike, JA6EGL and Hiro, JA6KYU will be active as T88SM and T88HS from Palau (IOTA OC-009, Grid Loc. PJ77) on 10-15th February 2011. They plan to be QRV on 80-6 metre CW and SSB, QSL via home calls, direct only. [425 DX News]

10/02/2011: A crew composed of members of the Provins ARC (F6KOP) is heading to Kribi, Cameroon, from 10-20th February 2011 and will be active as TJ9PF. They have applied for the TJ3C callsign. This international team, whose members know themselves very well for being members of several F6KOP DXpeditions together in the past will consist of: Frank F4AJQ (Team Leader), Seb F5UFX (Assistant Team Leader), Michel FM5CD, Bob N6OX, Wild Bill N2WB, Dave K4SV, Norbert DJ7JC, Eric ON7RN, Gabriele I2VGW, Jean Paul F8BJI, Alain F6ENO, Jean-Luc F6BIV, Michel F5EOT, John F5VHQ, Gerard F2JD, Yan F1NGP, Mathieu F5PED and Henri F1HRE. QRV on all bands from 160 to 10m, in all modes, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Six stations (5 x FT450SAT and 1 x K3), 6 PA (Acom 1010) and 6 laptops, using Wintest software, will be on the air, 24hrs a day for 9 days. The antenna farm will consist of Spderbeams (3 x five banders, 1 x tribander, and 1 x WARC bands), Vertical for 20, 30, 40, 75, 80 and 160m. For the lower bands according to the place usuable, 1 or 2 beverage and a K9YA system will be settled. The main target is established at 80,000 QSO's, for these nine days, with emphasis on lower bands, 160 to 30m and digimodes. QSL manager: Didier, F5OGL. Pilot Station: Serge, F6AML. Webmaster: Thierry, F4TTR. Info by Internet Mailing list: Maurice, F5NQL (subscribe by F5NQL at aol.com). Website: www.tj9pf.fr/ [F5NQL]

11/02/2011: Eltje, PA3CEE and Johan, PE9DX will be QRV moonbounce 2 metre as C56EME, a special moonbounce permit is requested, from The Gambia (WW Loc. IK13QL) from 11th-21st February 2011. If all goes ok they will have a small 70cm setup with them. QSL via PA3CEE. Further information and updates at: www.emelogger.com/gambia [MMMonVHF]

11/02/2011: Members of Casa do Radioamador de Pernambuco (CRAPE), namely Cris PY7GK, Luiz PY7LZ, Ben PY7VI, Jim PY7XC, Ciro PY7ZY and Luiz PU7RLM will be active as PY7CRA from Itamaraca Island (IOTA SA-046) on 11-13th of February 2011. QRV on all HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL direct or bureau to

PY7CRA. [rsgbiota.org]
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LOOKING AHEAD -

13/02/2011: Per, LA5EAA, will be active as EA8/homecall from the Canary Islands (IOTA AF-004) between the 13th and 26th of February 2011. The first week he will be active from the island of Gomera (DIE S-014, WLOTA 1526), and the second week he will be active from the island of Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276). QRV holiday style with Yaesu FT-817 transceiver (5W QRP) and wire antennas on the HF bands, mainly on CW. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

15/02/2011: Serge, RX3APM, will be active from Paramaribo, Suriname, as PZ5P from 15-22nd of February 2011. QRV on 160-10 metres, using CW and SSB, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20th February). QSL via UA4LU; LoTW accepted. [NG3K]

19/02/2011: Operators Falk DK7YY, Ulf DL5AXX, Tom DL5LYM, Christian DL7JV and Frank DL8WAA will be active as CR3L in the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February) as a Multi-2 entry from Santana, Madeira Island (IOTA AF-014, DIP MA-001, PIP MD-001, WLOTA 0053, DPRN FF-101, WFF CTFF-030, WW Loc. IM12NT). QSL via DJ6QT, direct or bureau. Website: www.cr3l.de/ [NG3K]

19/02/2011: Ron, VE3AT will use the special callsign VC3E during the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20th February 2011) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6th March 2011). Expect Ron to be a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in both contests. QSL VC3E via VE3AT, direct (QRZ.com) or bureau. [RAC]

21/02/2011: Gilbert, VA3NQ, will be active as VA3WAP (WAP-111) in the 8th Antartic Activity Week (21-27th February) from Consecon, Ontario. QSL via VA3NQ, direct or bureau. [RAC]

21/02/2011: Look for Edmondo, VA3ITA, to be active on 21-27th February as VB3ANT (WAP-188) for the 8th Antartic Activity Week. QSL via VA3ITA, direct or bureau. [RAC]

23/02/2011: Bill, NE1B and Tom, N1GN will be active as C6ANM from Nassau, New Providence Island (IOTA NA-001, WLOTA 1115, Grid Loc. FL15), Bahamas, on 23-26th February 2011. They will also participate in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (25-27th February) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW or WA2IYO direct only. [NG3K]

25/02/2011: Raffaele, IH9YMC, will be active from the island of Pantelleria (IOTA AF-018, IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WLOTA 0041, WW Loc. JM56XT, CQ Zone 33) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (25-27th February). QSL via eQSL. [NG3K]

04/03/2011: Peter, VE3IKV, will use the special callsign VX3X to celebrate the 250th World Anniversary of the Veterinary Profession, between the 4th of March and 4th of April 2011. QSL direct to VE3IKV (QRZ.com). [RAC]

05/03/2011: Look for Tom, W2SC, to be active from Warleigh Plantation, Saint Peter Parish, Barbados (IOTA NA-021, WLOTA 0999) as 8P5A in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6th March) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via NN1N & LoTW. [NG3K]

08/03/2011: Tim, WD9DZV, will be active from the island of Aruba (IOTA SA-036, WLOTA 0033) as P40D on 8-13th of March 2011. QRV holiday style on most bands/modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

11/03/2011: Ron, VA3RVK, will be active from his QTH in Toronto, Ontario, between 11th of March and 11th of April 2011 using the special event callsign XL3A. This activity is to celebrate the Parks Canada Centennial (1911-2011). QSL XL3A via VE3AT, direct (QRZ.com) or bureau. [RAC]

26/03/2011: David, VK2CZ, will be active from Dili, Timor Leste (IOTA OC-148, WLOTA 0019), as 4W3A in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (26-27th March 2011) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via M0OXO, direct only. [NG3K]

26/03/2011: Bill, VE6BF, will use the special callsign VC6X during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (26-27th March 2011) and the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (28-29th May 2011), from Beaumont, Alberta. QSL VC6X direct to VE6BF (QRZ.com). [RAC]

01/05/2011: Gerard, PD2GCM and Bertus, PD2GJS (guest operator) will activate the special callsign PD04ISLE to commerate the fourth anniversary of the Isle of Tiengemeten (IOTA EU-146, WW Loc. JO21DR), starting from the 1st of May through to the 31st of December 2011. The last surviving island in the southwest part of the Netherlands is to become a unique nature reserve. Tiengemeten Island, will make up an area of more than 700 hectares of protected countryside. Peaceful, spacious and unspoiled and close to a major urban area. QRV with main focus on the 40 and 20 metre bands. A beautiful special double folded QSL card will be available via PD2GCM, either via bureau or direct. Website: pd04isle.webklik.nl/ [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

22/06/2011: A Six Meter Expedition to Saba Island (PJ6, IOTA NA-145, WLOTA 2043, WFF PAFF-025) between 22nd June and 6th July 2011 is taking shape. The team will be Dick K5AND, Pat W5OZI and George K5TR. QTH will be McCarty Cottage (WW Loc. FK87JP), 490 feet above sea level, located on the northeast part of the island with perfect take off to the US, EU, AF and most of SA. The plan is to operate CW on 50.106 Mhz and SSB on 50.118 Mhz. They will also be on JT65 during moonsets and moonrises on 50.190 Mhz. Power is limited to 150 Watts on Saba and St. Eustacia as well as Bonaire. Antenna will be a 7 element OWA on 30 boom. Callsigns TBA. Website: dkhanson.com/pj6/ [K5TR/N8OFS]

30/07/2011: Al, WP3C, will be active from Utuado, Puerto Rico (IOTA NA-099, USi PR006S, WLOTA 2802), during the SGB IOTA Contest (30-31 July 2011) as a Single-Op-24Hrs-Mixed Mode entry, using the Atlantic Contest Club callsign NP4DX. QSL via W3HNK. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

The ISWL Club Callsign's in use during February 2011 will be:

GX4BJC /A - from Healing, in North East Lincolnshire, England, by Cliff - G4YHP. (ISWL Hon. Treasurer & Monitor magazine Editor.) (/A WAB Square = TA21 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841).

MX1SWL and M1SWL - Operated from Broad Oak, in East Sussex, England, by Arthur - G0KOC. (ISWL Callsign holder and net coordinator) (WAB Square = TQ62 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841).

The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.
(WAB Info: www.worked-all-britain.org.uk/)

The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.

All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.

I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's
- see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details.

eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

GB1OOD, Golf Bravo 1 Oscar Oscar Delta, has been issued for the year 2011 by Ofcom as a Special event callsign. It will be used through out the year to celebrate the centenary of the Derby Wireless Club, the oldest continually active local wireless club, now incorporated within Derby and District Amateur Radio Society. Until 25 March the station will be operating from the Silk Mill Museum located in the City Centre of Derby alongside the River Derwent. The station will have restricted operation due to the museum's opening hours and so will be on the air mostly at weekends. QSL information is on QRZ.com. [GB2RS]

04/02/2011: In honor of the 100th birthday of former President Ronald Reagan, the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club will operate W6R at various times and from various locations on Friday, 4th February through Monday, 7th February 2011. Main operation will be on the 5th of February, from 0300z-2100z. In addition, a rover operation from the Reagan ranch is scheduled on the 7th of February. QSL direct with SASE/SAE + postage to W1UUQ (QRZ.com). Website: www.sbarc.org/w6r.html [OPDX Bulletin]

05/02/2011: Special event callsign GB1ATC will be operating from the 579 Sqn Llandrindod Wells Cadet Centre, Wales (IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 0453), marking the 70th Birthday of the Air Training Corps in the United Kingdom. This special event callsign will be operating on Saturday the 5th of February and Sunday 6th of February 2011. QSL via GW7UNV or GW0JEQ. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

05/02/2011: In honor of the 100th birthday of former President Ronald Reagan, the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society will operate N6R from Thousand Oaks, California, from 1600z on Sunday, 6th February, through 0200z Monday, 7th February, and intermittently at other times on Saturday (5th February) and Monday (7th February 2011). Suggested frequencies are (+/- QRM): CW - 3545, 7045, 14045, 21045 and 28045 kHz; SSB - 3820, 7260, 14255, 21320 and 28490 kHz; as well as local repeaters and FM simplex. QSL via N6ZE, w/SASE (no eQSL or LoTW). More information can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/n6r [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

04/02-24/02 3B8/SP2FUD: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)
04/02-24/02 3B8/SP2JMB: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)
04/02-08/02 JW8HGA: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA8HGA (d/b)
04/02-17/02 S9DX: Ilheu das Rolas WLOTA:1622 QSL DL1RTL (d)
05/02-18/02 8Q7AK: Male Atoll WLOTA:4031 QSL G7COD (d/b)
05/02-06/02 HI2RCD: Isla Saona WLOTA:2304 QSL Buro
05/02-10/02 PJ4/EA1PP: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL HC (d/b)
05/02-10/02 PJ4/EB1HF: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL HC (d/b)
05/02-10/02 PJ4/EC1DPM: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL HC (d/b)
06/02-18/02 HI7/HB9OAU: Hispaniola WLOTA:2974 QSL HC (d/b)
07/02-17/02 C6ABB: New Providence (Nassau) WLOTA:1115 QSL N2RFA (d)
08/02-17/02 3B8SC: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL SP2JMB (d)
09/02-10/03 J38RF: Grenada Island WLOTA:0718 QSL KE4TG (d)
09/02-16/02 KH0/G3ZEM: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL M0URX (d/b)
10/02-15/02 KH2/JS6RRR: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL HC (d/b)
10/02-15/02 W3STX/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JR3STX (d/b)

11/02-16/02 PJ2/EA1PP: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
11/02-16/02 PJ2/EB1HF: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
11/02-16/02 PJ2/EC1DPM: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

N0IM - 5 Feb 2011 to 5 Feb 2011 - CW Only
Minnesota QSO Party, planned route: Cook, Lake, St Louis, Carlton, Pine, Kanabec, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Benton, Sherburne, Wright, Carver, McLeod, Meeker, Kandiyohi, Stearns, Todd, Morrison, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs (2), Kanabec (2), Aitkin. Primarily CW however in the larger counties we may go to SSB. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m depending upon propagation. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

W0AA - 5-February-2011 to 5-February-2011 - CW Only
Minnesota QSO Party. Mobile activating the following counties in order: Kanabec, Aitkin, MilleLacs, Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd, Wadena, Ottertail, Becker, Ottertail, Clay, Wilkin, Ottertail, Grant, Douglas, Pope, Stearns, Wright, Sherburne, Benton, MilleLacs, Isanti, Chisago, Washington, Anoka. CW only, 80m, 40m, and 20m. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

W0GJ - February 5, 2011 to February 6, 2011 - SSB Only
Minnesota QSO Party. Single op/driver SSB only, 80, 40 & 20M. Extreme SE Minnesota, 8 am - 4 pm CST. Following counties in order: Houston, Fillmore, Mower & Freeborn (Approx 2 hours each) 7-8 am Winneshiek County, IA 4-6 pm Worth, Cerro Gordo & Franklin Counties, IA February 6: traveling from somewhere in southern MN to north central MN (Beltrami County, home QTH), route undecided. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]
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6 METRES & UP -

04/02-17/02 S9DX: Ilheu das Rolas AF-023 Grid:JI39GX 6m QSL DL1RTL (d)
05/02-06/02 Delaware QSO Party 6m&Up 50.950CW 50.145USB
05/02 Minnesota QSO Party (VHF Class) 6m-1.2GHz USB+FM
05/02-06/02 NZART V/U/SHF Contest 6m & Up
05/02-07/02 Vermont QSO Party 6m-70cm included
05/02-06/02 YLISSB QSO Party 6m-70cm included
06/02 DARC QSO Party 6m-70cm included
06/02-07/02 New Mexico QSO Party 6m included
08/02 RSGB 432MHz UKAC 2000z-2230z
09/02 MOON Contest 432MHz 1900z-2100z
10/02 LY 50MHz Activity Contest 1800z-2159z
10/02 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest 1800z-2200z
10/02-15/02 T88HS: Palau OC-009 Grid:PJ77 6m 100w QSL JA6KYU (d)
10/02-15/02 T88SM: Palau OC-009 Grid:PJ77 6m 100w QSL JA6EGL (d)
11/02-12/02 Louisianna QSO Party 50.135USB & 144.210 MHz
11/02-21/02 C56EME: The Gambia Grid:IK13QL 144MHz EME QSL PA3CEE (d)

Contest Calendar: webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/con_feb.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 01 February 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

The United States Postal Service announced their intention to increase postage on non-competitive products an average of 1.741%, effective April 17, 2011. [Dx-qsl]

QSLs via Bureau: 6W/IZ2DPX, 9A4A, 9A7B, 9H1RZ, IY4FGM, OH2HQ and OL4A.

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QSLs via LoTW: E51PEN, JY9NX, SP9BBH, SP9H, T32OU and TG9AJR.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) at: www.sota.org.uk/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: wff44.com/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

?The SOC CW Bash?
To commemorate the passing of one of its founding members, the Second Class Operators Club will be holding its first ?SOC CW Bash? on Saturday April 2nd between 0000z and 2359z. Many people will remember Hank Kohl K8DD (SOC #69) as one of the main engines behind QRP ARCI , a professional CW operator and a seasoned contester so as a fitting tribute, the SOC hopes to combine all aspects of Hank?s talents and passions in one event.
Any operator can take part in the ?Bash?, and although not a contest, the SOC will be issuing its very own special certificates for top scorers in both a QRO and QRP section. The club will hopefully be activating all of its own call signs during various times of the 24 hour period - W0SOC, M0SOC, W1SOC AND W5SOC - and although there are no ?strict rules? the format will be roughly as follows:
- Time: 0000z to 2359z on Saturday 2nd April (nearest Saturday to April 1st).
- Call ?CQ DD? in memory of Hank around the QRP calling frequencies: 3560, 7030 (also check 7040), 14060, 21060, 28060. If QRO, please limit power to 100W.
- Members to exchange membership number, name and RST.
- Non members to exchange name and RST.
- Stations worked on different bands will count as separate QSO?s e.g. If you work W0SOC on 80m, 40m and 20m this will count as three points but if you work W0SOC twice on 80m this will only count as one.
Please submit your scores to Ryan G5CL at RPike78088 at btinternet.com by Saturday 16th April (if you solely use QRP, please note this clearly in your email). [G5CL]

G3RAF OPERATIONAL -
As from 1st of December 2010 to 31st of March 2011 the G3RAF callsign will be held by Ian M0RGI, authorised by (Michael M0MJG) RAFARS Council. Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society, G3RAF is the callsign of the RAFARS Council Group. It is operated by Council Members only. It is intended that it will rotate between suitably licenced Council Members and may be used for special event purposes throughout the United Kingdom. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

AOTA, AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR WEEKEND 2-3 APRIL 2011
Once again The Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society will be putting on an AOTA Weekend 2/3 April 2011.
All Radio Amateurs Stations World Wide are welcome to take part, and in particular RAFARS Members/ATC/Clubs are asked to take part to put on as many AOTA Stations as possible during this weekend to make it a great success.
All that is needed is either a current or an old RAF Military Establishment which was used during the wars or perhaps may still be in current use.
The usual AR Licensing Regulations apply. You can either use a SES, GX or /P call-sign and to make it possible for your activation to give out points, you must register with the RAFARS AOTA Manager Vince G4DQP QTHr in qrz.com or email earlval at postmaster.co.uk with details of call-sign to be used, the Location/Airfield, Name and Call-sign of person operating or running the SES.
Once you have registered with Vince you will then be able to inform stations worked that you are on the AOTA activations list and points can be claimed from your Station by any Station or SWL for an AOTA Certificate.
The operating details are SSB CW on any Band (No Digital modes at present).
Certificates are available to all Radio Amateurs/SWL. To obtain a Certificate you must work a minimum of five AOTA Registered stations for a Bronze Certificate and/or 50 AOTA Registered Stations for a Gold Certificate.
The Cost of a Certificate is ?5 payable to RAFARS and sent to RAFARS Award Manager Andrew M3NDZ QTHr in call books and in qrz.com.
Andrew is also the RAFARS QSL Manager and can be contacted via email at andrewhumphriss at tinyworld.co.uk if required. Send Andrew the usual details required from your log Date, Time, Call-sign, Band, QTH,Op Name, Name of Airfield or Military Establishment and do not forget to enclose your address where Certificate are to be returned.
If you have any queries or are not sure of regulations then contact Vince G4DQP. AOTA Activations may also be seen on:
http://www.qsl.net/g4dqp/Activations.html [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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